



G-5's "Eye on AMC" U.S. Army Materiel Command

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AMC NCOs sharpen skills

For the first time at the U.S. Army Materiel Command, non-commissioned officers took part in hands-on training and evaluation that would assist them when deployed to hostile and non-hostile environments.

About 40 Soldiers from headquarters, the Army Research Laboratory, and the Security Assistance Command took part in the week-long, common task training designed to emphasize basic Soldier skills.

"We are going back to the basics, sharpening Soldier skills," said Command Sgt. Maj. Ty Walker, AMC command sergeant major.

Soldiers were given real-life scenarios in their "refresher" course that included land navigation, casualty evaluation, chemical decontamination, and medical evaluations.

The first part of the training ends today. The second phase, which will include weapons training and evaluation, is expected to take place in September at Fort A.P. Hill.

Picatinny successfully demonstrates mid-range munition

A new precision-guided munition developed by a team of engineers from the U. S. Army Armament Research, Development and Engineering Center; the Office of the Project Manager for Maneuver Ammunition Systems; and Alliant Techsystems scored a direct hit on a tank three miles away during a test fire demonstration April 1.

The tank target was not visible from the projectile firing position during the test that took place at the Army's Yuma Proving Ground, Ariz.

The Army is developing MRM, a gun launched precision-guided munition, for the Future Combat System Mounted Combat Systems vehicle. The projectile will satisfy the need for a "beyond line-of-sight" capability, defeat threats with pinpoint accuracy and minimize collateral damage and exposure of U.S. forces to hostile fire.

"Today's test firing is a significant step toward our ultimate objective of providing Soldiers a munition that will defeat targets with precise accuracy while limiting their exposure to hostile fire," said William J. Sanville, Army Project Manager for Maneuver Ammunition Systems.

Army scientist honored by Army engineers

Stuart Leigh, deputy director of the Countermine Division of the Communications, Electronics Research and Development Center's Night Vision and Electronic Sensors Directorate, was honored by the Corps of Engineers Association with the de Fleury Bronze Medal for outstanding service to the U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers and the Engineer Regiment.

The medal was established by the Engineer Regiment as an award for the values demonstrated by the man for whom it was struck, Lt. Col. Francois Louis de Fleury, a French engineer volunteer to the Continental Army, and has been awarded every year since 1989 to outstanding individuals.

In the citation Lt. Gen. Robert Flowers, chief of engineers, praised Leigh's work as an integral part of the team responsible for the recent fielding of a much improved mine detector. This detector, the HSTAMIDS (Hand-Held Standoff Mine Detection Sensor), is described as a "quantum advancement" in countermine systems; it is the first hand-held detector deployed that finds both metal and plastic mines in all soil types.